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The conclusions of NIE 24-56 for the most part remain valid.

The estimate correctly stated that the Christian Democrats would dominate all Italian governments until the next elections although the CD reform program was not carried out as fully as predicted. The estimate somewhat prematurely emphasized growing pressures for reform and the possibility of an understanding between the Socialist party and a centerist government. The continuing factionalism within the CD and further setbacks for the PCI were correctly estimated.